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Dear [Redacted]

About a month ago I met with you briefly to inform you that the National Archives and Records Administration would shortly be accessioning the records of the war in Southeast Asia. The Department of the Army has now formally transferred title and custody of these records. They are located at the Washington National Records Center in Suitland, Maryland.

The records of the combat and support units operating in Vietnam have been reviewed and declassified with few exceptions by the Department of the Army reviewers over the past six years. These records are being further processed and described by NARA personnel with the intention of opening them to the public over the course of the next few years.

The Army also did some preliminary arrangement of records of U.S. Army elements in Thailand during the Vietnam conflict. A copy of the Army's description of the records involved, nearly 100 cubic feet of material, is enclosed. The Thailand records were not reviewed by the Department of the Army for declassification. Declassification review of these records will be the first assignment of the Records Declassification Division.

In order to conduct the necessary declassification review, it will be necessary to have the best possible guidance on the remaining security sensitivities of your agency which might be found in these records. You are invited to have experts from your staff examine the records involved in order to prepare the necessary declassification guidance.

Tom Hohmann, Supervisory Archivist in the General Archives Review Branch of the Records Declassification Division, will arrange to have the records made available to your expert for examination. He can be reached at 763-4623. Please call Mr. Hohmann or me (523-3165) if there are any further questions.

Your prompt attention to the development of declassification guidance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

EDWIN A. THOMPSON  
Director  
Records Declassification Division

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## APPENDIX B:

# The U.S. Army in Thailand During the Vietnam Conflict

The United States Army build-up in Thailand can be traced to the establishment of the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Thailand on 15 May 1962. Early that year a combined U.S. task force was deployed to Thailand on a military exercise which included a Marine Battalion Landing Team (BLT), the 1st Battle Group, 27th Infantry\* (25th Infantry Division) and supporting elements under a detachment of the 9th Logistical Command. They were joined by an army aviation company composed of Caribou aircraft on 10 July 1962. In late August the 1st Battle Group, 35th Infantry\* (25th Infantry Division) replaced the 1st Battle Group, 27th Infantry. However, this task force was withdrawn November 1962 after the situation in Laos stabilized. In the meantime, several U.S. Army units had been sent to Thailand on a permanent basis and by November 1966 the U.S. Army Support Command, Thailand, was established. This Appendix provides a listing of the army units stationed in Thailand, since they fulfilled direct or indirect support functions related to the Vietnam conflict to the extent that most received Vietnam service credit in recognition of their supporting role.

\* These battle groups were redesignated battalions by DA as follows:

1st Battle Group, 27th Infantry	26 August 1963
1st Battle Group, 35th Infantry	12 August 1963

### Major U.S. Army Commands in Thailand

Deputy Chief, Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group  
 Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group, Thailand  
 Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group, Thailand, Support Group, Provisional  
 Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group, Thailand, Support Group A  
 U.S. Army Bangkok Area Command, Provisional  
 U.S. Army Depot, Thailand, Provisional (later 501st Field Depot)  
 U.S. Army Sattahip Area Command, Provisional  
 U.S. Army Special Troops, Bangkok  
 U.S. Army Special Troops, Korat  
 U.S. Army Special Troops, Sattahip  
 U.S. Army Support Command, Thailand

## SELECTED U.S. ARMY UNITS STATIONED IN THAILAND DURING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT

U.S. Army Unit	Type	Thailand Service	Typical Location	Authorized 1968 Strength
256th AG Co	Personnel Service	26 Dec. 67 - 25 June 71	Korat	73
44th EN Group, HHD	Construction	May 62 - 1 Jan. 70	Korat	97
536th EN Battalion	Construction	14 July 65 - 15 June 70	Korat	603
609th EN Battalion	Construction	24 March 62 - 3 Feb. 71	Phanom Sarakam	906
16th EN Company	Dump Truck	2 Aug. 67 - 20 Feb. 71	Sakhon Nakhon	112
54th EN Company	Construction Support	20 Dec. 68 - 15 June 70	Sakhon Nakhon	164
91st EN Company	Dump Truck	7 Aug. 67 - 15 June 70	Kanchanaburi	112
561st EN Company	Construction	10 Aug. 63 - 15 June 70	Kanchanaburi	286
593d EN Company	Construction	6 June 63 - 1 Aug. 63	Korat	—
697th EN Company	Pipeline Construction Support	29 Aug. 65 - 1 Dec. 69	Korat	178
738th EN Company	Supply Point	2 March 63 - 15 July 65	Korat	—
9th Logistical Command, HHD	Logistics Support	April 63 - 12 June 70	Korat, Sattahip	226
7th MAINT Battalion	Direct Support	15 July 65 - 25 June 71	Korat	229
57th MAINT Company*	Direct Support	1 April 63 - 20 Feb. 71	Korat	139
562d MAINT Company	Light Direct Support	13 Jan. 67 - 25 June 71	Sattahip	154
566th MAINT Company	Light Direct Support	7 Feb. 66 - 1 July 69	Kanchanaburi	154
567th MAINT Company†	Direct Support	9 May 66 - 1 Sept. 69	Korat	139
133d MED Group, HHD	Medical Support	1 Jan. 66 - 10 Nov. 70	Korat	41

428th MED Battalion, HHD	Medical Support	1 June 66 - 1 Jan. 68	Korat	36
21st MED Depot	Medical Depot	15 March 67 - 15 May 70	Korat	36
5th MED Hospital	Field Hospital	9 May 66 - 10 Nov. 70	Bangkok	112
31st MED Hospital	Field Hospital	1 June 62 - 15 May 70	Korat	94
40th MP Battalion, HHD	Military Police Support	18 March 67 - 30 Dec. 70	Korat	21
13th MP Company	Separate	24 Jan. 66 - 29 March 73	Korat	—
219th MP Company	Physical Security	20 Nov. 66 - 25 June 71	Korat	159
281st MP Company	Security Guard	11 Nov. 66 - 31 Oct. 75	Sattahip	123
41st ORD Company	Direct Ammunition Support	6 March 66 - 1 Sept. 66	Korat	—
599th ORD Company	Ammunition Direct/ General Support	7 May 67 - 25 June 71	Sattahip	97
83d Psychological Operations Company	Special Warfare	23 June 67 - 30 June 74	Bangkok	43
596th QM Company	Petroleum Depot	27 June 66 - 20 Dec. 68	Sattahip	207
29th SIG Group, HHD	Signal Support	12 Sept. 66 - 30 June 71	Bangkok	163
Bangkok SIG Battalion, Provisional	Support	Unknown - 14 July 69	Bangkok	350
USASTRATCOM SIG Battalion, Provisional	Long Lines Communications	Unknown - 14 July 69	Udon-Ubon	261
302d SIG Battalion, HHD	Support	14 July 69 - 30 June 71	Bangkok	—
325th SIG Battalion, HHD	Support	14 July 69 - 31 Dec. 70	Bangkok	—
379th SIG Battalion, HHD	Support	25 Aug. 63 - 30 June 71	Sattahip	129
442d SIG Battalion	Support - Long Lines	6 Nov. 67 - 30 June 71	Korat	377
55th SIG Company	Support	1 July 65 - 1 July 69	Korat	204
167th SIG Company	Radio Relay VHF	May 62 - 6 May 63	Bangkok	—
207th SIG Company	Tropospheric	15 April 63 - 1 July 69	Korat	329
324th SIG Company	Tropospheric	30 June 71 - 1 Jan. 72	Sattahip	—
334th SIG Company	Support	6 Nov. 67 - 1 July 69	Bangkok	117
347th SIG Company	Support	6 Nov. 67 - 1 July 69	Bangkok	117
558th Supply & Service Bn	General Support	17 March 68 - 1 July 69	Kanchanaburi	56
305th Supply & Service Co	Direct Support	12 March 68 - 15 April 69	Kanchanaburi	169
331st Supply & Service Co	Forward Repair Parts	15 July 65 - 20 Dec. 68	Korat	172
511th Supply Company	General Support	5 Jan. 67 - 20 Dec. 68	Korat	216
558th Supply & Service Co*	Heavy Material Support	15 July 65 - 20 Dec. 68	Korat	158
590th Supply & Service Co†	Direct Support	30 Sept. 63 - 20 Dec. 68	Korat	169
	Terminal	25 Oct. 66 - 20 Dec. 68	Sattahip	58
	Motor Transport	18 Dec. 66 - 20 Feb. 71	Korat	41
	Medium Truck	10 April 67 - 30 Dec. 70	Sattahip	87
	Light Amphibious Vehicle (LARC)	26 April 67 - 1 Nov. 68	Sattahip	207
	Terminal Service	30 April 67 - 20 Dec. 68	Sattahip	113
	Terminal Service	11 Nov. 66 - 20 Dec. 68	Sattahip	113
	Medium Petrol Truck	15 Dec. 66 - 31 Oct. 73	Sattahip	87
	Medium Cargo Truck	28 Feb. 67 - 20 Feb. 71	Korat	87
	Medium Reefer Truck	24 Nov. 66 - 31 March 72	Bangkok	102
	Medium Truck	12 Nov. 66 - 30 Dec. 70	Sattahip	87
	Medium Truck	1 Dec. 67 - 1 April 70	Khon Kaen	163
	Motor Depot	18 March 67 - 20 Dec. 68	Korat	194
	Post Station §	15 May 62 - 30 June 71	Bangkok	792
	Signal Reconnaissance	1 Aug. 62 - 1 Sept. 69	Bangkok	16
	Signal Warfare	Oct. 66 - April 74	Lopburi	369

\* Master until 20 July 1966.

§ Includes the 83d U.S. Army Security Agency Special Operations Unit.

¶ In October 1966 Company D, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, which was organized on 15 April 1966 at Fort Bragg, arrived in Thailand. The 46th Special Forces Company, 1st Special Forces was activated 15 April 1967 in Thailand using assets of that Company D, 1st Special Forces Group. In 1968 the 46th Special Forces Company (Airborne) was headquartered at Lopburi and had three subordinate B-Detachments at Muang Sakon Nakhon, at Pakchong and at Ban Kachon. On 31 March 1972 its assets were used to form HHD, 3d Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces. However, for security reasons it was known locally simply as U.S. Army Special Forces, Thailand.